

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- According to a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a reception method of an order of a cargo, the reception method which comprises the steps of: receiving shipping instruction information such as a kind, a quantity and a destination of the cargo in shipping instruction consignment of the cargo input through communication network lines or input on a portal site side; confirming stock information of the cargo among the received shipping instruction information; calculating physical distribution expenses in a deduced transportation route of the cargo after the step of confirming the stock information of the cargo; and delivering the calculated physical distribution expenses to a consignor side. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- It is considerable that there are two cases of a shipping instruction input into the concentrated physical distribution management system 20. That is, a case where the shipping instruction is input from the shipper side, i.e. the customer 64 side or the local site 50 side through the Internet 30 or the intranet 40, and a case where the shipping instruction is directly input from the portal side of the concentrated physical distribution management system 20, i.e. terminal unit 35 side. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- If the case where the shipping instruction is input from the portal site side is examined, the shipping instruction information (six basic information) is entered from the portal 76 shown in FIG. 7 by the use of the terminal unit 35. Herein, the "six basic information for the shipping instruction" are six pieces of information of "who", "what", "how many", "when", "from which", and "to which". As long as the basic six information exist, the cargo that is asked can be sent to the destination thereof. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- The system for automatically issuing a bill of lading is equipped with the application software for issuing an invoice to the physical distribution trader site 60 in response to an delivery instruction (delivery order) from the consignor side and for transmitting the invoice to a forwarding trader or a shipping company, and the application software for transmitting the information of an altering (detour) instruction of the transportation route or the like of the consigned cargo to the forwarding company or the shipping company in addition to the application software necessary for issuing a finally completed bill of lading by utilizing the booking information, the received delivery information from the consignor side and the like. --